SYLLABUS
Politics 810-01
The Statesmanship of Winston Churchill

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Objective

This course examines the statesmanship of Sir Winston S. Churchill. It will attempt to reveal the nature of statesmanship in principle and the special features it presents in a modern liberal state. It will examine the problems inherent in this kind of regime as Churchill understood them. It will show how Churchill addressed these problems through a long career. In the end we will try to see how the life of prudential action is important to the survival of a constitutional democracy, as this was understood by a prudential actor of significance, longevity, and insight.

Class Meetings:

Class time: Monday 2:30-5:15 p.m. (alternate classes typically scheduled on Fridays).
Reference the class meeting schedule for tentative make-up dates this semester.
Location: Broadlawn

Texts:
Sir Martin Gilbert, Churchill: A Life
Readings available on Blackboard, which will constitute the main texts for the course.

Other Resources Available:
The college has purchased the personal historical archive of Sir Martin Gilbert. The parts of it relating to Churchill are here on the campus. Access can be arranged with advance notice.
The college has a subscription to the online version of Churchill’s archive, which is lodged physically in Churchill College Cambridge. Access to this archive is available to students through the library website.
The long version of the official biography of Churchill and its document volumes have been scanned by the president’s office. Also Sir Martin Gilbert’s one volume Churchill: A Life, is scanned. Also, Robert Rhodes James, editor, Churchill: His Complete
Papers and presentations

Each student will be required to submit a term paper by the end of the course of 15-20 pages. It should be well-written and grammatical. It should display an understanding of Churchill, statesmanship, and the place of statesmanship in politics. Of course you will need to know what politics is. Papers are due on the last day of classes, May 2 at 5:00 pm.

Each student will be required to write three papers of 2 to 3 pages explaining the main question coming up in the next class. These papers will be due the night before we begin a new section of the syllabus. Students may choose which three sections they address in these papers. The choices are due at the second class please.

All students will be required to do the readings for each class in advance of the class and to participate in the discussion.

There will be a midterm objective exam covering the basic facts in Churchill's life. This will cover major things: his birth, death, marriage and children; the offices he held military and civilian; his major writings; the largest events in which he took part, their identity, and his part in them. These facts can be gathered by reading the volume by Sir Martin Gilbert. A good encyclopedia article about him is also handy.

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GENERAL READING SCHEDULE:
Churchill: A Life, Martin Gilbert; Blackboard Readings (selected)

Section 1: Introduction: What is Statesmanship?
- Hillsdale Articles of Association
- Aristotle's Politics, Book 1: Political Community
- Aristotle's Ethics, Book 1
- Aristotle’s Ethics, Book 6 Selection: Prudence
- Britannica Summary of Churchill's Life
- Article on Prudence from Catholic Encyclopedia
- Churchill – Painting as a Pastime
- Churchill – The Structure of the War
Section 2: Churchill and Education
- Aristotle’s Politics, Books 7 Chapters 13-15: Liberal Education
- Churchill - Education at Bangalore
- Churchill – The Scaffolding of Rhetoric
- Savrola - The Wand of the Magician
- Churchill – Speech on Education given at University of Miami

Section 3: Strategy and Politics
- The Riddle of the Frontier
- The Battle of Omdurman
- The Vials of Wrath
- Army Reform Speech
- Shall We All Commit Suicide?
- Mass Effects on Modern Life
- The Deadlock in the West
- Churchill – “The Deterrent Nuclear Warfare”
- Churchill – “The Sinews of Peace” (Iron Curtain)

Section 4: British Socialists
- Sidney Webb, “Twentieth Politics” [excerpt] (1901)
- Sidney Webb, “The Basis of Socialism: Historic” pp. 3-9 (1889)
- George Bernard Shaw, “Economic,” pp. 128-131; 156-160 (1889)
- Stafford Cripps, “The Choice for Britain” (1934)

Section 5: Churchill and Constitutionalism

Section 5A: Churchill: Civilization, Empire, and Free Trade
- Excerpt, “Election Address,” June 27, 1899
- London to Ladysmith on Kaffir
- “Preferential Tariffs,” May 28, 1903
- “Why I Am a Free Trader”
- “South Africa (Native Races),” February 28, 1906
- Letter on Titanic (1912)
- “The Third Great Title-Deed’ of Anglo-American Liberties” July 4, 1918
- Speech on India: A General View (1931)
- “Civilization” July 2, 1938
- “Westward Look, the Land is Bright,” April 27, 1941
- Churchill to Herbert Morrison, January 7, 1943

Section 5B: Churchill: Social Reform
- “WSC to Bourke Cockran” November 30, 1899
- Review of Seebohm Rowntree’s Poverty: A study of Town Life
- The Chicago Scandals
- Excerpt “Social Policy” January 23, 1908
- “The Budget,” June 28, 1909
- Election Address, December 4, 1909
- “National Insurance Bill,” May 25, 1911
- “Winston S. Churchill to Lord Salisbury” December 9, 1924
- “Winston S. Churchill to Richard Hopkins” December 14, 1924
- “Remarks to a Deputation” March 4, 1925
- “Winston S. Churchill to Neville Chamberlain” April 3, 1925
- “The Abuse of the Dole” March 26, 1930
- “Chief Factors in our Social Revolution,” July 4, 1937
- “Post-War Planning,” March 21, 1943

**Section 5C: Churchill: Socialism and Constitutional Reform**

- Socialism Speech: January 22, 1908
- Excerpt “British Policy at Home and Abroad” April 8, 1922 [excerpt]
- House of Lords Reform, November 17, 1925
- While the World Watches [Roosevelt from Afar] (1934)
- Election Ahead—And the Same Old Voting System (1935)
- What Good’s a Constitution? (1936)
- “A Sense of Crowd and Urgency,” October 28, 1943
- “Party Politics Again” June 4, 1945
- Excerpt “The Perils of Socialist Control” November 28, 1945
- Excerpt “The Woodford Adoption Meeting” January 28, 1950

**Section 6: Finest Hour**

- Blood, Toil, Tears and Sweat
- Be Ye Men of Valour
- We Shall Fight on the Beaches
- Their Finest Hour
- The Few
- Rearmament, Official Biography, volume 5
- Stanley Baldwin Views in the 1930’s
- The Treaty to Outlaw War
Class Schedule

1. Monday, January 23
2. Friday, January 27
3. Monday, February 6
4. Friday, February 24 [cancelled; needs to be rescheduled]
5. Monday, February 27
6. Monday, March 6
7. Friday, March 10
8. Monday, March 20
9. Friday, March 24 (Kendall)
10. Monday, March 27
11. Monday, April 3
12. Friday, April 7 (Kendall)
13. Monday, April 10 (Kendall)
14. Monday, April 24
15. Monday, May 1